



EXCEPTIONAL NEWS

80TH ASG Exceptional Family Member Program SPRING 2004-SHAPE/Chievres

Newsletter Date
Spring 2004

Wow! What a great first season for the Kids on the Block, Benelux Troupe. Starting last August they performed at the Library during the Fun Fest. Next they appeared at the Child Development Center, and most recently for the students at the SHAPE Elementary and Brussels American Schools. Being a puppeteer is not easy! From learning the correct way to handle the puppet to memorizing the scripts, it takes a lot of effort and dedication. Just learning the lines of the script is hard enough, but mastering lip and hand sync takes great concentration and practice. Thank you to our Troupe: Pete Halko, Colleen Lucier, Anna Mitchell, Ada Pierre and Janice Williams, and technician Gene Prince, for building the wonderful gold and black stage.

The Benelux Troupe, is *looking for a few good men and women!*

If you would like to learn the ancient Japanese art of puppetry known as Bunraku, and teach children that it's OK to be different, we need you!

Call today and schedule to attend the next training class in April.

You'll be glad you did!

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Special points of interest:

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- ☺ Children's Wellness Fair
- ☺ Special Education



EFMP FAMILY BOWL

Calling all EFMP Families!

Bring the entire family to bowl three (3) games, including shoe rental, compliments of the 80th ASG EFMP and MWR, on the last Saturday of the summer months.

Start Time is 1400 at the SHAPE Pizza Bowl.

Dates are: May 29
 June 26
 July 31
 August 28

Call 423-7461 and reserve YOUR place today.



AAA SYMPOSIUM

Autism.....Attention Deficit and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders. These are also called **PDD, AS, ADD or ADHD**

In our communities there are many families who know the names, but would like to know more about them. In coordination with Education and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) and the SHAPE Health Facility,

the EFMP will present workshops on each of these disorders, starting with Autism.

Dr. Cecil Burns, EDIS Psychologist, has graciously agreed to share his expertise and time with us.

If you are the parent of a child with autism, we want to hear from you. Call Mary at 423-7461 for More information on the program.

*Light Lunch provided
Compliments of EFMP*

Date: May 25

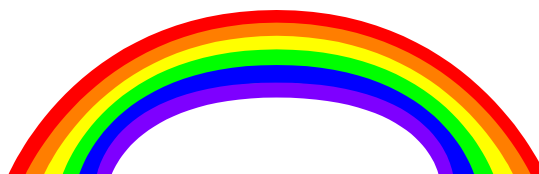
Time: 10-1200

Place: Building 318
SHAPE

*Call now to reserve
your place. Seating
will be limited to the
first 25 registrants.*

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*It is not whether we win or lose,
but how we play the Game*



EFMP PERSON/FAMILY OF THE QUARTER

Each quarter, Exceptional News will recognize a person or family in the community who has contributed to improving the quality of life for our special needs members. Please send in your nominations for the person or family you would like to have featured in the Summer Edition. Please provide their name, unit, address, and why you would like to refer them.

Email to:

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SHAPE FUN FEST- August 2003



My Mommy
is a
Puppeteer

Exceptional Resource Guide, Benelux Edition 2004

Have you seen the new Exceptional Family Member Program Resource Guide? Filled with information on the *Rights and Responsibilities* of parents with special needs children, and with medical and community telephone numbers and web addresses, it's the perfect addition to your resource library.

Included is a Family Care Notebook which will assist in maintaining a record of all important numbers, dates, contacts and valuable information on your exceptional child or adult family member.

Stop by the EFMP office at Army Community Service, Building 318, SHAPE, and ask for your copy of the Guide. Available on CD!



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SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS

Calling all Parents!

Would you like to know more about the Individual Education Plan, or IEP? This is the tool your Special Needs Child will want to have in place and current, to ensure he/she will be successful in school.

There is a new website which will direct you in developing an IEP and ensure your child's rights are considered.

www.iep4u.com

Check it out!



Special Needs Resource Team (SNRT)

If your child receives services from the Child and Youth Services at SHAPE, has he/she been reviewed by the SNRT? This Team will ensure your child has a safe and successful experience in the CDC, FCC, SAS, Teen and Youth or Sports Programs. Call 423-7461 or 423-3737 for information.

CHILDRENS WELLNESS FAIR

Last year the EFMP sponsored a Disability Challenge during the 2003 Children's Wellness Fair, hosted by The Family Advocacy Program and Army Community Service.

Children and adults learned how difficult it is to navigate a wheelchair. Our friend McGRUFF was assisted by Ms. Colleen Lucier.

It wasn't easy!

The 3rd Annual Wellness Fair will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at the Community Activity Center, Chievres. EFMP will be there from 10-2 with new and exciting information on Special Needs events and programs at SHAPE and Chievres. Stop by!

